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1920 RESOLUTIONS.

There is a remote region where there are no coal strikes and where the atmosphere is most ardent that is described by sacred writers and theological commentators as a place paved with good resolutions. It is not the making, however, but the breaking of good resolutions that prepare them for such paving purposes.

We are informed that "those who see the right and approve it too, condemn the wrong, and yet the wrong pursue," furnish plentiful paving for this remote region. It is with no idea of furnishing superfluous paving that we offer for your adoption suggestions for 1920 resolutions.

Resolute men and women who never let the native hue of resolution be "sicklied o'er with the pale cast of thought" have blazed the way in every useful field of human endeavor, particularly in the field of medicine.

During 1920 several acid tests will be applied that will determine the real interest that every ethical member of our profession in this State takes in the progress of scientific medicine. Measures will confront us on the 1920 ballot that are definitely designed to undermine the very foundations of scientific research and create chaos in the administration of our Medical Practice laws. Now, no one can say that he is intelligently interested in advancing or improving his profession or promoting or protecting the public health, who does not know what movements are afoot that menace both, who ignores and underestimates the pernicious activity of these various agencies, who has never coped with them or cooperated with his fellows who are devoted to raising and preserving standards, not for any selfish purpose, not for private gain—but for the public good.

In these columns we propose at the proper time

to analyze these menacing measures and suggest appropriate action. We, therefore, earnestly urge that your first firm resolution for 1920 will be to read regularly and thoroughly every number of your State Journal.

One of our leading specialists who was recently called into consultation with a physician in one of California's thriving communities said that the patient could have been saved the expense if the Doctor had only removed the Journal wrapper from a recent edition and read an exhaustive article on a parallel case.

During the year that has passed since Armistice Day there has been time to accumulate and appraise a large part of the valuable health lessons that have come out of the war. These should now be applied more generally to civil life. Let the Health Officers of our cities, counties and State rise to their opportunities during 1920, and with clear vision and constructive purpose put the principles of preventive medicine into more general use. The care and protection of human life is the greatest service that can be rendered any community.

The people can always be relied upon to support a well administered health department devoted to a consistent comprehensive health program; but one that wavers with every political wind that blows neither merits nor will win public confidence. Communities that now seem niggardly in their appropriations for health departments will set a higher value upon this indispensable work when the health officers are more practical and less perfunctory. The enforcement of health laws means the betterment of the community industrially, socially and morally. All progressive communities aim to attain these specific purposes and will cooperate with health officers that are not only

Post-Graduate Schedule

UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL.

Regular rounds in the Children's Wards of the University of California Hospital are made by Doctor Lucas on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9:30 to 11:30. Visiting physicians are always welcome.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SAN FRANCISCO

Professor George M. Stratton of the University of California is to conduct in San Francisco, beginning in January, a series of lectures on Psychology and Health, which should be of decided interest to the medical profession. Dr. Stratton is Professor of Psychology at the University of California and the lectures he will give will be along the lines of a series of talks he gave to a group of Oakland physicians and surgeons. The lectures will be given in the Emanu-El auditorium, 1337 Sutter Street, in San Francisco on successive Friday nights, beginning January 16, 1920.

Professor Stratton's course will include six lectures on modern aspects of the relation of psychology to the principles of health and the practice of medicine. Diseases of the mind, insanity, hypnotism, multiple personality and other points will be considered. The lectures will be addressed not only to the medical profession, but to the general public, and while they will be scientific in essence, they will not be technical in character.

The dates and subjects of the individual lectures follow:

January 9—"Emotions in Health and Sickness"—The use of Psychology in the care of the body. In medical education. Influence of mind on body, and of body on mind. Psychological work with aviators. Shell shock and kindred phenomena. The influence of the emotions.

January 16—"Multiple Personality"—Forms of mental disturbance. "Double" or "alternating" personality. Their general character and connection with hysteria. Dissociation, its meaning and importance.

January 23—"Hypnotism and the Subconscious"—History of hypnotism. Work of Braid and his predecessors. Character of hypnotism. Evidence for subconscious mental phenomena. Automatic writing and speech.

January 30—"Mental Healing, Its Methods and Results"—History of Psychotherapy. Means employed. Results with different forms of disease. Hypnotism in surgery.

February 6—"Psychoanalysis"—The work of Freud and others. Complexes, repressions, and other features. Interpretation of dreams. Freudian treatment of diseases. Value and defects of the method.

February 13—"Mental Hygiene"—Insanity. Its causes. Defective intelligence, especially in children. Its connection with juvenile delinquency and dependency. Binet tests, and others. Prevention of insanity and feeble-mindedness.

Persons desiring to attend these lectures may secure course tickets at the San Francisco office of University Extension, 140 Kearny street, or at room 301 California Hall, Berkeley. Tickets for the course and single admissions may also be secured at the door on dates of lectures.

SAN FRANCISCO POLYCLINIC.

THIRD COURSE.

From Jan. 5 to Jan. 28, 1920.

ANONYMOUS PODIATRY

Gradually, through societies of these men and State laws requiring examinations for persons desiring to practice, chiropody has grown from a trade to a scientific branch of medicine.

In some States it is anonymous with the term podiatry.—From a Catalog.

Monday, January 5.

- 10 a. m. Recent Advances in Medicine: Relation of the Ductless Glands to Rhachitis. Dr. Sanford Blum
- 11 a. m. Diagnosis of Rectal Cancer. Dr. Alfred J. Zobel

Tuesday, January 6.

- 10 a. m. Diagnosis of Accessory Sinus Disease of the Nose. Dr. Cullen F. Welty
- 11 a. m. Surgery of Nerves. Dr. Sterling Bunnell

Wednesday, January 7.

- 10 a. m. Surgical Treatment of Pyloric Stenosis in Infants. Dr. S. Nicholas Jacobs
- 11 a. m. Cystocele. Dr. F. B. Carpenter

Saturday, January 10.

- 10 a. m. Medical and Surgical Treatment of Hypertrophy of the Prostate. Dr. Wm. E. Stevens
- 11 a. m. Pyelitis. Dr. Samuel Goldman

Monday, January 12.

- 10 a. m. Placenta Previa. Dr. Dale L. Martin
- 11 a. m. Muscular Dystrophies. Dr. Otto G. Freyermuth

Tuesday, January 13.

- 10 a. m. Appendicitis in Children. Dr. Burt S. Stevens
- 11 a. m. Differential Diagnosis of Disease of the Middle Ear. Dr. R. Pietrafesa

Wednesday, January 14.

- 10 a. m. Recent Advances in Medicine: Focal Infections of the Naso-Pharynx. Dr. Sanford Blum
- 11 a. m. Surgery of Blood Vessels. Dr. Sterling Bunnell

Saturday, January 17.

- 10 a. m. Treatment of Malignant Tumors of the Breast. Dr. H. A. L. Ryfkogel
- 11 a. m. Addison's Disease. Dr. H. D'Arcy Power

Monday, January 19.

- 10 a. m. Relation of Illumination to Visual Efficiency. Dr. H. A. Brown
- 11 a. m. Tubercular Adonitis. Dr. Mary Mentzer

Tuesday, January 20.

- 10 a. m. Surgical Treatment of Empyema. Dr. S. Nicholas Jacobs
- 11 a. m. Brachial Plexus Neuritis. Dr. Otto G. Freyermuth

Wednesday, January 21.

- 10 a. m. Treatment of Benign Tumors of the Breast. Dr. H. A. L. Ryfkogel
- 11 a. m. Value of Serial Radiographs in Diagnosis of Gastro-Intestinal Conditions. Dr. Ferdinand Freytag

Saturday, January 24.

- 10 a. m. Minor Manifestations of Thyroid Disturbance. Dr. H. D'Arcy Power
- 11 a. m. Diagnostic Methods of Proctology. Dr. Alfred J. Zobel

Monday, January 26.

- 10 a. m. Stomach Surgery. Dr. Burt S. Stevens
- 11 a. m. Diabetes Mellitus. Dr. Mary Mentzer

Tuesday, January 27.

- 10 a. m. Eclampsia. Dr. Dale L. Martin
- 11 a. m. Lithiasis of the Urinary Tract. Dr. Wm. S. Stevens

Wednesday, January 28.

- 10 a. m. The Eyes of the Child. Dr. H. A. Brown
- 11 a. m. Diagnosis and Treatment of Some Common Genito-Urinary Conditions. Dr. Samuel Goldman

Saturday, January 31.

- 10 a. m. The Tuning Fork in Differential Diagnosis of Operative Lesions. Dr. Cullen F. Welty
- 11 a. m. Radiographic Determination of Kidney Stones. Dr. Ferdinand F. Freytag

OBITUARY



THOMAS DE HAVEN BLODGETT

Dr. Thomas De Haven Blodgett of Tulare, Tulare County, California, died on November 10th, 1919, from pyemia associated with an extensive purulent teno-synovitis of the left forearm and hand following an accidental infection of his left thumb acquired during the process of lancing a felon.

He was born in Downing Station, Schuyler County, Missouri, on January 17, 1867, and was but three years old when his family moved to Shasta County in this State. He attended schools and eventually taught in them there until he entered Cooper Medical College and graduated here in 1894. After serving an internship at St. Luke's Hospital, San Francisco, he entered practice at Tulare in 1895 with Dr. Henry Pace and continued actively there until the time of his death, having associated with him for the last nine years, Dr. R. N. Fuller.

As a man and a citizen his integrity was beyond question, always helpful, uplifting and constructive, both as to individuals and his community.

As a physician and surgeon he has filled a place, which could have been filled only with great difficulty and effort by any one man, and has done a life's work of which any man could be proud. Twenty-five years ago Tulare was truly fortunate in having a physician come to it of Dr. Blodgett's capacity and resource. Practically his only diversion was in the day's routine, and many a happy hour of good cheer did he have in it, having inherently, and acquired to a great degree, what Sir William Osler calls "The Art of Detachment."

The regard with which he was held by his townspeople is best shown by quotations respectively from the "Tulare Register" and the "Tulare Advance:" It has fallen to the lot of few men

to be more highly esteemed and better loved in the community wherein they dwelt than was Dr. Blodgett. * * * * He was a tireless worker, conscientious in all the manifold relations with individuals pertaining to his profession, honest in his practice and a sterling citizen * * * * He will be sorely missed in this community where he has lived for a quarter of a century. * * * *

"He was a loyal friend to his patients and Tulare. It would be hard to conceive a man who could be less spared from the community for he participated in its affairs both as a surgeon and citizen, and gave the best that was in him in both instances."

Dr. Blodgett was never married, but was survived by one sister, Mrs. C. C. Garner of Lodi, and three brothers, Dr. J. N. Blodgett of Lodi, president of the State Board of Dental Examiners; W. O. Blodgett of Redding and W. S. Blodgett of Acampo. He was a member of the American Medical Association, the California State Medical Society and one-time president of the Tulare County Medical Society, district surgeon for the Southern Pacific Railroad and a member of the Pacific Association of Railway Surgeons.

Dr. Blodgett was also a Knight Templar, Visalia Commandery, a Mystic Shriner, Islam Temple, and a member of Visalia Lodge No. 1298, B. P. O. E.

Masonic funeral services were held in Tulare and he was interred at Lodi, California, November 13th, 1919.

New Members

Stowell, John M., San Francisco.
Harding-Mason, John, San Francisco.
Bailey, Nelson B., Alameda.
Downing, Samuel R., Alameda.
Boone, Wm. R., Alameda.
Kane, Louis M., Los Angeles.
Whiteway, Harold M., Los Angeles.
Shumaker, E. K., Los Angeles.
Ammann, Francis X., Los Angeles.
Kempff, Louis A., Los Angeles.
Boyer, John I., Los Angeles.
Constantine, K. W., San Diego.
Potter, Marjory M., San Diego.
Stealy, Clair L., San Diego.
Eytinge, E. J., Redlands.
Dickson, G. G., Ione.
Brendel, F. P., Sacramento.
Simpson, B. R., Sacramento.

Transferred

Avery, Ralph L., from Ventura Co. to Los Angeles Co.
Reardon, F. B., from Stanislaus Co. to Sacramento Co.
Schoff, Chas. E., from Yolo Co. to Sacramento Co.
Anderton, H. S., from San Mateo Co. to San Diego Co.
Owen, Gilbert R., from San Bernardino Co. to Los Angeles Co.

Deaths

Fish, Chas. Withrop. Died in Los Angeles, November 25, 1919. Was a graduate of the Medical Department, Western Reserve University, Ohio, 1884. Licensed in California 1885. Was a member of the Medical Society, State of California.

Lantz, Paul R. A resident of Oakland. Died in San Francisco, December 9, 1919. Was a graduate of University of California, 1899. Licensed 1901.

Mays, Wm. Henry. Died in Newman, California, November 30, 1919. Was a graduate of the University of California, 1873. Licensed to practice in 1877.